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**Find out how to Fund your Dream**  
**Renewable Energy or Energy Efficiency Project –**  
**FREE USDA FARM BILL Grant WORKSHOPS**  
**MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

The Utah Wind Working Group is hosting a series of renewable energy workshops around the state in early March to help Utahns harness wind power and other renewable energy resources. Energy efficiency experts will also be on hand to help Utahns learn how they can save energy and money.

No fee or advance registration is required for these workshops, which are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America and Geopowering the West Programs, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Utah Geological Survey's State Energy Program, Utah Clean Energy, and the USDA Utah Rural Business-Cooperative Services.

Participants will learn about grants and loans from section 9006 of the 2002 Farm Bill created specifically to assist small businesses and producers develop wind power, geothermal, solar and biomass projects. Utahns interested in developing wind and other alternative energy projects will receive training to successfully organize, write, and submit an application for funding assistance under the Farm Bill.

The State Energy Program will open the first workshop in Moab on May 11th. The workshop includes presentations from National Renewable Energy Laboratory experts on wind power technology and its uses. Utah Power will explain how to leverage their energy efficiency incentives with USDA grant money to fund energy efficiency projects that will save you money for years to come. Other presenters include representatives from Utah Clean Energy and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which manages the grant and loan application and review processes.

**The workshop schedule is:**

- May 11<sup>th</sup>: 8am to 1pm in Moab at Moab Arts and Recreation Center
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: 8am to 1pm in Richfield at Snow College
- May 13<sup>th</sup>: 8am to 1pm in Salt Lake City at the Department of Natural Resources

To find out more about these workshops or if you have any questions, contact Nykole Littleboy at the Utah Geological Survey at 801-538-5413 or by e-mail at [nykolelittleboy@utah.gov](mailto:nykolelittleboy@utah.gov).

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For more about the funding opportunities through the USDA Farm Bill visit  
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/2005NOFA/nofa05navigate.htm>

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